

Two U.S. Firms Sign Letter Of Intent

\$10 Billion Gas Deal With Russia!

MOSCOW (AP) — Two American firms signed a letter of intent today to import more than \$10 billion worth of natural gas from the Soviet Union over a 25-year period.

The agreement was between the El Paso Natural Gas Co. and Occidental Petroleum Corp. on the one side and the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade on the other.

Occidental chairman Armand Hammer announced the "agreement of intent" at a news conference.

"Quantities up to two billion cubic feet per day are contemplated," Hammer said.

"At current market prices, such gas over the 25-year term of the agreement would exceed \$10 billion to the U.S.S.R. It is expected that this sum will be spent for U.S. goods and services."

Hammer said the project will require a 2,000-mile pipeline from Yakutsk to the Vladivostok area, "the largest liquefaction plant" ever envisaged and a fleet of 20 cryogenic tankers.

Hammer said that the hard currency financing for the project, excluding the ships, will be about \$2 billion.

Hammer said that Japanese firms which have been negotiating with the Soviets may participate in the project and take a portion of the gas.

The Soviet gas provided for by the agreement is intended for the West Coast of the United States, Hammer said.

Asked about probable delivery dates, the Occidental Petroleum chairman said it will take about six years for Russian gas to cook American steaks.

Howard Boyd, the El Paso chairman who took part in signing the protocol, said one of the major problems to be settled before the agreement became firm was that of price. He said the price of the Soviet gas "will have to be competitive with other liquid natural gas sources" in the world.

He said negotiations on an acceptable price "will undoubtedly take time."

Boyd added that the Americans expected to have "a firm understanding on price" before the project is financed.

Asked about funding for the project, Boyd referred to a deal El Paso is carrying out with the Algerian government for Algerian natural gas. He said the Algerians raised part of the money from a consortium of American banks and the rest was

borrowed from the U.S. Export-Import Bank. He said he expected the Soviet project to be financed along the same lines.

Boyd said that according to the letter of intent signed with Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai G. Osipov, the American firms "will counsel the Soviets on financing."

Asked how the Americans would handle customary Soviet secrecy in providing such essential data as proven gas resources, Boyd replied, "We have to be satisfied..."

"This was explained to the Russians, and we have been assured that all the necessary geologic data will be provided to satisfy us."

He said he expected there would be on-site examination by the American firms.



LISTENING TO THE LONG NOTE: Belmont track bugler Sam Koza warms up for Saturday's Belmont stakes before three people very interested in the outcome of that race, Lucien Laurin, Mrs. Helen Tweedy and Ron Turcotte, from left, trainer, owner and jockey, respectively, of racehorse Secretariat. The three were at Thursday night's Belmont Ball at Belmont, N.Y. (AP Wirephoto)

FBI Morale Boost Seen In Kelley

Kansas City Chief Is Nixon Choice For Top Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nomination of Kansas City Police Chief Clarence M. Kelley to be FBI director should bolster the agency's sagging morale and public image, FBI sources say.

Kelley's first obstacle, however, is winning Senate confirmation to succeed J. Edgar Hoover, who headed the FBI for 47 years before his death 13 months ago.

"He's an excellent choice," one long-time agent said of Kelley. "I've heard no objections to him from anyone up and down the line."

Senior agents are said to be pleased with the choice of Kelley, who spent 21 years in the FBI before taking over the Kansas City police in 1961.

"Kelley is an excellent compromise," said one agent. "It satisfied all parties. It was obvious the administration didn't want to appoint someone from within. On the other hand, they went out and got a guy with deep roots in the FBI."

A former agent said Kelley's FBI and police experience will be major factor in boosting staff morale, which, sources said, reached its lowest ebb when acting director J. Patrick Gray III resigned under fire April 27. Gray admitted burning papers recovered from the White House safe of convicted Watergate conspirator J. Edgar Hoover Jr., Sen. Lowell P. Weicker, R-Conn., has said.

William D. Ruckelshaus, who replaced Gray on a temporary basis, said recently that the FBI was undergoing a crisis of confidence. He said the bureau's problems of morale and public image would evaporate "once a good strong man is in place."

In Kansas City, Kelley told a news conference Thursday that he wants to restore the FBI's prestige to the level it reached under Hoover. "I've heard some things about the FBI being in an inferior position" compared to the Hoover era, he said.

Kelley, who will be 62 in October, will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee June 18 or 19. He is expected to face friendly but intensive interrogation.



PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE: Clarence M. Kelley, right, selected from 27 candidates by President Nixon for the top job in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shakes hands with the Chief Executive in the Oval Office, of the White House Thursday. Kelley, Kansas City police chief, faces confirmation by the United States Senate before he can become a permanent replacement for the late J. Edgar Hoover. (AP Wirephoto)

Cox Wants Watergate News Coverage Muted



HERBERT L. PORTER
Admits Perjury

WASHINGTON (AP) — After unsuccessful attempts to convince Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. to suspend the Senate Watergate hearings, special prosecutor Archibald Cox wants U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica to order the committee to question witnesses facing possible criminal charges in closed session or, at least, without live radio-television coverage.

Ervin and his chief counsel, Samuel Dash, question whether the court has the constitutional authority to tell a congressional committee how to conduct its hearings.

Originally Sirica had asked for arguments on whether he had any choice but to grant witnesses immunity from prosecution on the basis of their testimony before the Senate committee.

On that issue, both sides agreed, saying the judge must grant immunity at the request

of the committee. Witnesses still could be prosecuted on the basis of evidence developed from other sources.

The Washington Post, meanwhile, quoted sources in today's editions as saying that Ervin will ask the Senate to broaden the committee's authority to allow investigation of Nixon administration actions taken in the name of national security.

Hall Smith, a spokesman for

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Watergate Comes To Berrien

St. Joseph police reported a Sodus township man complained that his telephone is being bugged in connection with the Watergate case. The man began yelling in Berrien county courthouse Tuesday and was taken to the mental health wing at Memorial

hospital where he was to be kept under observation for five days.

Police said the man is an outpatient from Veterans Administration hospital, Battle Creek, and has a history of mental disorder.

Wouldn't Give Up

Cadet Quietly Proves Himself

WEST HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — A young Army officer who endured 19 months of "silence" at West Point said today that another cadet is undergoing the same treatment at

Correction — The Zenith 19 in. Portable color TV for \$348.88 listed in Sawyer Farmers Exchange ad of June 4th was not a chromacolor model as advertised.

Liberty Theatre — Stiletto shown 7 p.m. Book of Numbers shown 9 p.m.

the academy. James J. Pelosi, who received his commission Wednesday, said in an interview at his home that a member of West Point's class of 1974 was censured to silence nearly one year ago.

Pelosi declined to identify the cadet or say why the silence was imposed on him. He said the cadet had asked his advice during the past year but that the pair had not been drawn close together by their mutual adversity.

Pelosi held the highest peer rating in his 100-man company

when he was convicted in November 1971 by the senior. Honor Committee of completing an answer on a quiz after the examiner had given the order to stop.

He denied the charge, backed his claim with witnesses and an officer board was convened. The case later was dismissed by Lt. Gen. William A. Knowlton, the West Point superintendent, after it was learned that a high-ranking officer had urged board members to "expedite" their deliberations.

But the trial was not over for

Pelosi, then 20.

Supported by a cadet referendum, the Honor Committee moved to impose "silence" on Pelosi, a rarely used penalty of total social ostracism.

For most of the next 19 months, Pelosi roomed alone and ate by himself at a 10-man table in the cadet mess hall. Almost none of the 3,800 cadets talked to him except an official business.

Nationwide publicity about his plight in the two days since

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JAMES PELOSI
Long Silence Ends

Pistol Found With Loot Is Identified As Murder Weapon

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A state crime lab firearms specialist testified Thursday that a .38-caliber revolver found with \$28,443 in stolen bank money fired the slugs that killed State Trooper Steven DeVries Oct. 12.

The testimony in Berrien Circuit court was against Kenneth Eugene Oliver, 33, of Detroit, charged with murdering the Niles post trooper in the wake of a Niles bank robbery.

Bank loot and the revolver were found by police Jan. 8 in Bertrand township on the basis of information seized from Oliver at the county jail in St. Joseph three months after his arrest.

The nonjury trial was to

resume before Judge Chester J. Byrns at 9 a.m. today and continue next week.

Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor's case alleges Oliver preplanned the robbery in Detroit, used a girlfriend's car and gun, robbed a Niles branch of First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan, killed DeVries on US-12 bypass southwest of Niles, and ditched the car, gun and money in Bertrand township before arrest in South Bend, Ind.

James L. Pickelman, head of firearms identification at the

Holland state crime lab, testified in his opinion two of the three .38-caliber slugs removed from the trooper's body were fired from a revolver that other police testified was found with the bank loot. The third slug was too damaged to identify its source.

The trooper was hit four times—once through the chest from the front, once through the chest from the side, once in the back, and a flesh wound through the thigh, Dr. Richard Litinger,

(See page 11, column 1)

Nine Haircuts Cost \$8,100

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has picked up a \$8,100 tab for haircuts forcibly given to nine persons arrested two years ago during demonstrations at the University of Michigan.

The action stems from a two-year-old lawsuit filed against the County Board of Commissioners and former Sheriff Douglas Harvey, by nine U-M students who received unwanted haircuts while lodged in the Washtenaw County Jail.

County Corporation Counsel Robert Guenzel said he was able to reach an out-of-court settlement Wednesday with the plaintiffs, who each received \$900 for their shorn locks.

Commissioner Bent Nielsen, R-Ann Arbor lambasted Harvey, saying "it was his pleasure to shave the hair off these guys...now the taxpayers are having to pay for his pleasure."

The rule requiring mandatory haircuts at the jail has since been abolished.

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Editorial Page

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Gov. Milliken, Take Note: Area's Lawmakers Right

The Associated Press reported Thursday that Michigan's Gov. William Milliken was expected to sign a bill loosely described by the wire service as an "agency shop for public employees."

In reality, the bill is an inroad on personal freedom and a threat to the general public's control of tax-supported safety and service institutions.

Unions—and particularly union bosses—will gain immense political leverage if Milliken does affix his signature to the measure approved this week by the Senate in the wake of earlier House passage.

The measure would let public employers such as police and fire departments and school boards agree with unions that non-union members have to pay "fees" to the unions. The fees could total as much as the union dues.

Republican Sen. James Fleming of Jackson quit the Senate's Labor Committee in disgust after Senate passage of the bill Wednesday. He angrily declared that the legislation "will seriously injure the ability of local government to function and protect the taxpayers."

There is a good question whether compulsory union fees should be permitted even in the private sector of the nation's economy, although they do exist. But at least in the private sector, the consuming public has the protection of competition—the option to buy from a variety of sources.

Government, on the other hand, by nature is a monopoly. In any community, ordinarily, there is but one police force, one fire department, one department of public works and even—increasingly nowadays—only one K-12 school system.

Speaking of this monopoly recently, Author Russell Kirk told the National Right to Work Committee:

"If the people employed in such a (government) monopoly are subject to the will of officers in a union, in some emergency the authority of government might be defied successfully by the men who dominate the union. Then even the most essential public services, including the ordinary enforcement of law and keeping of the peace, would depend upon the mood and the ambitions of people controlling the union. The real government might be the union itself."

Backers of the public agency shop bill cite the centuries-old legal argument of "unjust enrichment." They say non-union public employees who

benefit from pay hikes and other benefits that the union negotiates should legitimately pay a share of union expenses.

Turn that principle around: Is the union going to reimburse the non-union employees if they're dragged out against their will on a long and costly strike?

Or what if non-union employees feel the union is getting them less pay and smaller benefits than they could get on their own? They still would have to pay tribute.

And what about conscience? Suppose the worker disagrees with the public policies and political positions of the union? Technically, the union is supposed to charge fees for bargaining services only—not for political promotions. But who's to separate the time consumed and the money spent from among the maze of union book-keeping?

Suppose the union becomes corrupt—as the United Mine Workers obviously was until murder blew its grimy secrets into public view? Should an honest policeman be forced to pay it tribute?

Should a black fireman be forced to pay to the Ku Klux Klan? Should a Jewish bookkeeper be forced to contribute money to the American Nazi party? The agency shop bill would make it legally possible.

All four of this area's state representatives—Mittan, Kenney, Strang and Gast—voted against the bill. State Sen. Gary Byker of Hudsonville voted "yes" initially, but changed his vote to "no" when the bill was amended so that it would force non-union employees to pay the agency shop fee even if they belong to a religious organization which objects to supporting unions.

Sen. Charles Zollar of Benton Harbor debated against the bill from the outset. Yesterday he termed the measure "a bad bill that will cost the taxpayers millions upon millions of dollars."

Asked why, if that were true, Republican Gov. Milliken and several Republican legislators were for the measure, Zollar replied:

"Anybody who's in a swing district is looking to the next election. They're just buying union votes."

An aide to Gov. Milliken said the state's chief executive was expected to sign the bill, although first he would "give it careful consideration."

Careful consideration should produce a veto.

'Open The Door, Richard!'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BH DRUG CENTER SITE CHOSEN

— 1 Year Ago —

The Berrien County Drug Treatment Center plans to open a store front contact center at 239 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, hopefully within the next two weeks, according to Lawrence C. Tice, center director.

Tice said the site will be a contact point for persons in need. He said it will be the focal point for counseling, drug information and rap sessions.

TWIN CITY BUSES ROLL TO STOP

— 10 Years Ago —

The last runs of the last three

coaches of a once busy fleet. Little fanfare expected. The inevitable...foreseen as long as 15 years ago, when the service was hardly a dozen years old.

Buses held on but grew steadily weaker through a vicious circle of less passengers, cuts in service, fare hikes, less passengers...Today marks the end of a longer era—that of mass public transport on the local scene. The period began in the 1880's with horse-cars.

CITIZENS' DAY NEXT SUNDAY

— 25 Years Ago —

Preparations for the

Americanization program, sponsored by the Benton Harbor Elks Lodge No. 544 to be held June 11 at Filstrup field, were completed today, it was announced by Atty. A. E. Westin, chairman of the committee on citizenship ceremonies. A total of 33 persons will take their oath of allegiance in the citizenship ceremonies.

After the Elks toast to the flag by William Russell, and patriotic singing by the audience, Circuit Judge Fremont Evans will deliver the day's address. Presentation of certificates of citizenship will be made by County Clerk Gladys Pears, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag will be conducted by City Manager John F. Null.

REBUILDS HOME

— 39 Years Ago —

John Messenger of Glendora, whose home was destroyed by fire, is building a new home and the foundation is complete. The Spitzer brothers are the contractors.

BH-SJ TENNIS GAME

— 49 Years Ago —

Girls of the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor high schools were even in doubles tennis play on the Harvey courts in Benton Harbor. Dorothea Powers and Anna Meech of St. Joseph lost to Annie Nowlen and Edith Russell, 6-2, 6-0, and Clara Schlott and Leona Slater of St. Joseph won 6-1, 6-1, over Hattie Lukens and Grace Condon.

LAUNCH AND PICNIC

— 59 Years Ago —

Messrs. Harry and Frank Mollhagen will entertain a group of young people with a launch ride and picnic.

PRICE OF LIVING

— 83 Years Ago —

Eggs are getting to be legal tender in the market at 11 cents.

Bruce Blossat

Filing Watergate

Gaps Vital Need



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Of course it is paramount to learn all we can about the nature and degree of President Nixon's involvement in the Watergate affair. But even that knowledge would leave vital gaps in the story.

It is important to fill these gaps for more reasons than simply establishing the roles, responsibilities, activities and possible degrees of guilt of various individuals in or associated with the White House.

We need the big portrait to get the widest possible understanding of the perils inherent in the inbred, self-centered use of the presidency's enormous powers. Despite all talk, these are unlikely to be diminished in an era when a premium rests on quick action and visible leadership. The key is how the powers are used, and in this instance we still know far too little.

We don't really know who ordered and directed the bugging of the Democrats' 1972 Watergate headquarters.

There are veiled but significant suggestions from some sources that, in its full scope, the administration's plan of espionage-sabotage against the Democrats was an incredibly ugly business aimed at seriously besmirching the character of any Democratic presidential rival who might become a real threat to Mr. Nixon's re-election.

Probably the basic evidence rests in the eight cartons and other materials removed from the office of convicted Watergate participant E. Howard Hunt. We have only hints of

their contents. We need to know much more.

The discovery of Watergate interrupted the great plan. What would have been done had that disclosure not occurred? Would the undercutting activity have been worse against a stronger candidate than Sen. George McGovern?

In a private meeting with key Republican House members weeks ago, top presidential aide H. R. Haldeman (resigned) took personal responsibility for setting up what some members said he called the "surveillance" plan.

Yes, it is important to know if orders from the President set that in motion. But it is also crucial to know how responsibility for various parts of the plan — the Watergate bugging, the watch on radicals, the dirt-digging on key Democrats, the planned disruption of Democratic activities — was parceled out.

The notion of a well-coordinated conspiracy probably is an illusion. Sources say overlap was bad, and bitter jockeying for power and presidential favor a constant drag.

The inter-play of animosities among such top Nixon aides as Haldeman, John Mitchell, John Ehrlichman, Charles Colson and others seems intense enough to resemble the power struggles in some modern-day dictatorships. The fumes of mutual distrust swirled around Mr. Nixon's isolation booth.

Men claimed access to him who never had it. Some often deceitfully spoke — and issued orders in — his name.

Marianne Means

The 'Wart On

Nixon's Backside'



WASHINGTON — President Nixon's advisers do not seem to have learned much from the Watergate scandal about the futility of arrogant and heavy-handed political techniques.

Men close to the President have tried recently in at least three different ways to pressure Sen. Lowell Weicker, R., Conn., to shut up and play dumb in his role as a member of the Senate Watergate investigating committee.

Predictably, the tactics have had the opposite result. Weicker incurred White House displeasure by pursuing his own independent Watergate probe, becoming the first Republican to call for the resignation of H.R. (Bob) Haldeman, and leading the cry for full disclosure of the espionage network and the conspiracy to cover it up.

The White House attempts to neutralize him have only made him more determined to remain independent and to press on.

The first pressure play was a phone call to two Republican Senators from a "high-ranking White House assistant," whose name has not been linked to Watergate but whose duties are primarily political. The assistant urged the senators to lean on Weicker to be less aggressive and not to cause the President trouble. The Senators reported their conversations to Weicker but did not add any opinions of their own.

Another tactic was designed to undermine his credibility as a loyal Republican. Suddenly last week Weicker's office got a rash of telephone calls from reporters asking when the Senator was going to announce his shift to the Democratic Party.

Weicker has never entertained such a notion, the rumors were eventually traced to Ken Clawson, Nixon's Deputy Communications Director. Clawson is the reputed author of that famous phony letter that prompted Sen. Edmund Muskie's tears during the New Hampshire primary.

Clawson made his feelings toward the Watergate investigation clear in the presence of several reporters during the annual White House Correspondents Dinner in April, shortly before the President's statement acknowledging that some of his aides might be involved.

"You guys can't touch us," Clawson said scornfully. Then he glanced across the room toward Judge John Sirica, who had presided over the trial of the Watergate burglars and whose prodding and form of sentencing led James McCord to begin singing. "There stands a wart on the backside of the President of the United States," Clawson said.

To Hold Convention

DETROIT (AP) — More than 1,000 members of the National Right to Life Committee are expected from across the country at the anti-abortion group's national convention here this weekend, officials said.

Digital Storms

Hurricane reporting this season will be going by the numbers. The ladies can still vent their fury in the direction of Miami, because the National Hurricane Center located there is not relenting in its tradition of assigning feminine names to the tropical storms.

The center also will begin giving hurricanes digital identification to warn residents in their paths of the potential for destruction.

The number system will be employed when the "official" hurricane season opens June 1. It will be in two parts, with the first number on a scale of 1 to 10 indicating the potential for flooding and the second on a scale of 1 to 5 estimating damage potential exclusive of flooding.

If the Miami center is a good prog-

nosticator, the higher the number, the worst the storm's potential for damage. If the digital classifications work out, and especially if they catch the public's fancy, hurricane plotters next year might consider adopting numerical codes for the storms.

The 1973 list of hurricane names is certain to attract the usual response from persons named Alice, Brenda, Christine, Delia, Ellen, Fran, Gilda, Helen, Imogene, Joy, Kate, Loretta, Madge, Nancy, Ona, Patsy, Rose, Sally, Tam, Vera and Wilda.

When Will It Happen Again?

Within two days after the release of U.S. Consul General Terrence G. Leonhardy by left-wing guerrillas, Mexican authorities had rounded up five men suspected of being involved in the kidnapping of the diplomat.

The price for Leonhardy's life was the freeing of 30 "political prisoners" from Mexican jails and flying them to Cuba, plus the small matter of an \$80,000 payment.

Americans are grateful to the Mexican government for its successful handling of this episode. What gives pause, however, is the thought that with these latest arrests, still more "political prisoners" are being created who will constitute the ransom in some future plot.

Kidnaping-extortion has once again paid off. Does anyone believe it will not be tried again and again, in Mexico or somewhere else?

FAMILY GRIEVES PET'S DEATH

Editor,

This is directed to the person or persons responsible for the death of our family pet, a cat.

This cat was afraid of rain and thunder so bad, if she could not be heard meowing above the noise, she would curl up under our car until we called her to come into the house.

A week ago Thursday night, during a heavy rain, she disappeared. We ran an ad in this newspaper as soon as we could, which after a holiday, was a full week. The ad first appeared on June 1, Friday. We got a call on Saturday from a lady on Timber Drive, some three miles away from our house, to look at a cat her boy had brought home after being struck by a car on Friday night. The lady tried to get our cat to the vet, but no one was open so she nursed the cat as long as she could. Needless to say, our pet died during the night. It was a very hard thing to do, bringing her home so we could bury her and watching my children cry and ask who would do such a thing.

I, as a parent, can make few excuses for such a person that could take pets for rides simply because they don't like them. Well, our pet shall never cross your yard again or give you any trouble in the future as you have done your deed.

We still look out the windows at night and morning to see if she is still there. In time, this will wear off us, but I hope if you read this letter, you won't forget what you've done.

S. Friske
Coloma

ALL-NIGHT PARKING BAN BLASTED

Editor,

In regard to the ban on all-night parking on all of Benton Harbor's streets from 2 a.m. until 4 a.m.; this is just plain attempted robbery to the mothers and all women who live in this city.

Our former city manager was robbed so many times that he had this ban lifted. He saw that this action would be of benefit to all women who come home from

work after dark and don't feel safe to park in the driveway or the garage.

The lifting of this ban would enable a woman to park under the safety of a street light and to run into their houses instead of an unsafe alley. Some women have garages to park in, but robberies involving purse snatching have been known to occur even in garages.

There are many area women who are required to come home late at night or early in the morning such as nurses, baby sitters and waitresses.

We women will not be strong-arm rubbed in our own garages. We will wait until Monday night when we'll meet down at city hall. And if we don't get help there, we'll get it at the polls. But we'll have all-night parking reinstated.

Rose Melick
768 Thresher
Benton Harbor

Overdose Of Booze, Pills Kill Getty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A coroner's autopsy has determined that an overdose of alcohol and barbiturates caused the death of George Franklin Getty II, son of oil billionaire J. Paul Getty.

Getty, 48, vice president and chief operating officer of Getty Oil Co., died Wednesday at Queen of Angels Hospital after collapsing at his home Tuesday night. He had been admitted to the hospital by his physician, Dr. Kendrick Smith, under the assumed name of George S. Davis. Smith said he used the alias to avoid publicity.

A superficial wound on Getty's chest and other bruises interested police in the case. But County Coroner Thomas Noguchi ruled out the chest wound as a cause of death or as a contributing cause.

A spokesman for Getty Oil Co. had said initially that Getty died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Instead of WATERGATE, why couldn't WE have had a good old-fashioned SEX SCANDAL like Great Britain?"

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BENTON HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1973—427 STRONG—RECEIVED DIPLOMAS THURSDAY (Staff photo)

427 Get BH Diplomas

They Graduate In Sunshine

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

With mild temperatures and sunny skies gracing Filstrup Field, 427 Benton Harbor high school seniors received their diplomas and best wishes for success, happiness, and perseverance.

The 38th Benton Harbor high

school commencement last night showed a marked decrease in the number of graduates — down from 534 last year and 490 in 1971.

Supt. Raymond Sreboth and Principal Roderick Halstead lauded both the parents and members of the Class of 1973, noting that the students' ap-

pearance at the ceremonies was "no small effort on the part of the parents." Valedictorian Douglas R. Nettleton asked piercing questions of parents and teachers — "people who have had the greatest influence in our school life."

Nettleton asked parents if they had really prepared their children to live in contemporary society. "You may love your graduate and you may have worked day and night to support him, but did you always give him parental love, counseling, and guidance?" he queried.

Nettleton said that teachers are secondary to the parents, yet because of society, are charged with the major educational responsibility.

"It is his (a teacher's) job to mold, transform, and motivate if possible. Unless a teacher has dedicated himself to the teaching of attitudes, values, methods, and skills, he is not worthy of being called a 'teacher.'"

He added that "our teachers have not failed us," but noted "because of community problems and diminishing community support, many of these teachers are leaving, to be succeeded by disciplinarians."

Salutatorian Jeffrey Hughes noted that "today's education requires an emphasis on flexibility," and reflected on what he felt were some of the inadequacies of high school education.

"Too often the assembly line techniques of a big factory have been incorporated into the American secondary system. It appears to be the policy of the high school to stamp out a graduate, and too often administrators serve as foreman."

"Quantity, not quality, seems to be the tenet of the secondary school," Hughes said.

"The solution to the stagnancy of high school education lies in the teacher," he said.

"Benton Harbor high school has some teachers who are not as-

sembly line workers, but craftsmen." Guest speaker Dr. Charles Warfield, from Western Michigan university, told the graduates they're "getting out to get into a larger school of education."

"I would think you would want to be 'hip' leaders," he said, and added "by 'hip' I mean leaders that know what's going on in your neighborhood, community, state, nation, and world."

The Rev. Arnold Bolin gave the invocation and the Rev. Donald Adkins the benediction.

Cordell Kelly, senior class president, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Diplomas were presented by Edward Bentley, president of the board of education, and Mrs. Ilene Fox, secretary of the board.

The graduates entered and left the field to the music of the Benton Harbor High School concert band under the direction of Clinton McChesney.



GETS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: Mary Susan Klitchman received her high school diploma at Benton Harbor commencement exercises Thursday night along with 426 other graduating seniors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, 1753 Golfview road, Fairplain. Miss Klitchman has never attended a class in the high school building, but still received her diploma at the age most seniors graduate. She attended classes in the orthopedic department at Stump school, and plans to continue her education at Lake Michigan college. Miss Klitchman is pictured with her mother (left) and Mrs. Ilene Fox, secretary for the Benton Harbor board of education. Also graduated was James Johnson, who is handicapped by polio, and attended classes at high school in wheel chair and on crutches.

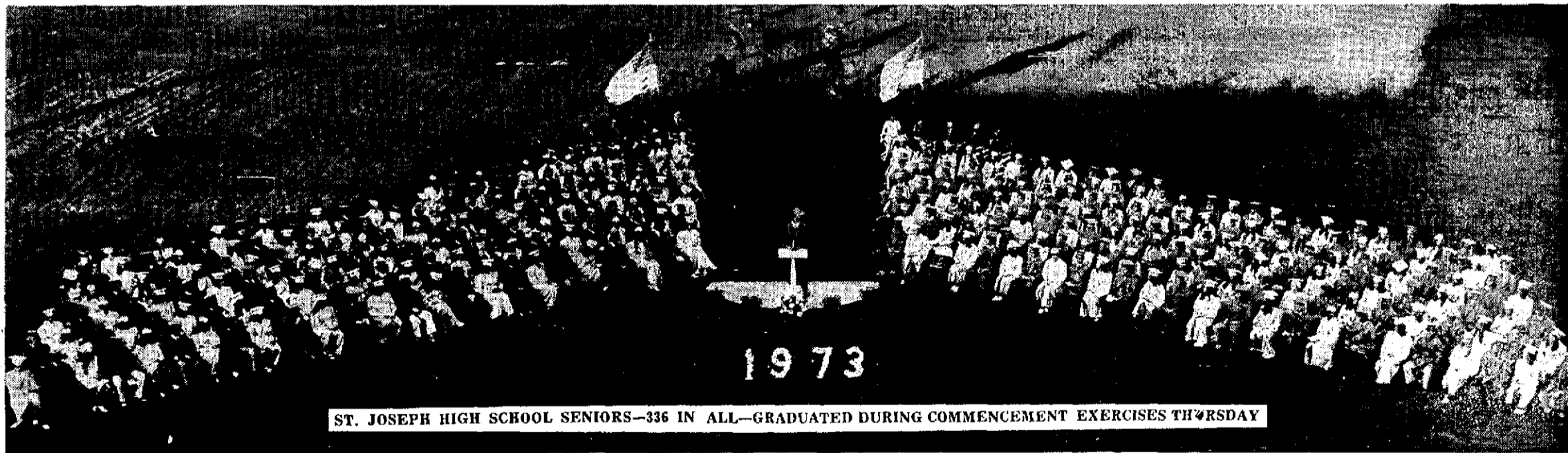
NAACP Supports BH School Millage

The executive board for the Twin Cities branch of the NAACP unanimously supports two millage proposals that will be voted upon by Benton Harbor school district electors in the June 11 election.

The millage proposals call for renewal of 7.5 mills for operating costs, and 3 mills for additional operating revenue for Benton Harbor schools.

Hershel McKenzie, president of the local NAACP, said the executive board also urged citizens to pass both proposals.

"The NAACP feels this is most necessary to continue improving the progressing quality educational activities of Benton Harbor schools," he said.



ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS—336 IN ALL—GRADUATED DURING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES THURSDAY

SJ Graduates Receive Diplomas

Happy, Prosperous World Wanted

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

St. Joseph High school sent its second largest class (336) into the world Thursday night at Dickinson stadium in its 101st commencement.

One of the student speakers, Tom Capes, asked—then answered "What did we learn in high school?" The other student speaker, Nancy Carlson, hoped "We will be able to work together, overlooking competitive desires, and making the world happier and more prosperous."

Turn Down Request

St. Joseph Planning Commission Thursday debated and then recommended turning down request by Donald Phelan, 912 State street, St. Joseph, for a special use permit for converting existing home into a multi-family unit.

The planning commission will forward its recommendations to St. Joseph City Commission.

Dr. Dean K. Ray in his final appearance as president of the St. Joseph Board of Education, said the community can have the kind of education system it wants, paying for it in interest and support.

Class President John Herrman announced names of graduates.

Dr. Richard Zichmer, superintendent of schools, presented Dr. Ray with a certificate of appreciation for service to the young people of St. Joseph. Dr. Ray has served on the St. Joseph Board of Education for the past 12 years and has been its president since 1967. He is not seeking re-election this year.

Miss Carlson said: "Perhaps our educational system as well as society as a whole is at fault here for placing such excessive priority on competition throughout the years. We are taught from the beginning that we must excel personally, that we must surpass our peers both mentally and physically developing our own individuality to the utmost degree."

"This excessive desire for personal gain and glory seems to

desensitize people toward the needs of others creating a lack of compassion for their fellow man."

Miss Carlson suggested: "By overlooking the desire for personal success we could meet on common ground listening to feasible solutions to the problems facing us and hopefully through discussion and experimentation arrive at solutions that would help all members of society, instead of competing with each other in small groups as the United States did over the Vietnam war and over the incident at Wounded Knee. For our successes came when we stopped competing and started listening and working together as a whole."

Opening his speech with an inquiry to a new graduate: "what did you learn in high school?" Capes said the answer to be "deeper and farther reaching than fixing a radiator, solving a quadratic equation, making a pizza or dissecting a frog."

He argued: "The most important thing we could learn is how to live. This seems simple." He listed three, interrelated facets on this topic—responsibility, living with fellow men and attitudes.

On responsibility he said "I am not going to preach to you on the evils of over-population and pollution, but I want to remind you that we have only one good earth. If we spoil this one we are out of luck."

Capes suggested four things to help with living with fellow men: treat no man as your superior or inferior, but as your equal; see no man as white, black, yellow, red or brown but simply as a man; do not be satisfied with excellent, very good, average or poor but only be satisfied with your very best and finally always be yourself.

Vote Deadline Saturday

Deadline for obtaining absentee ballots for next Monday's school board election is 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph High school.

Business Manager Dennis

Percy said the administration office will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Usually upwards of 30 people take out absentee ballots before the deadline, Percy said.

State Official Speaks On Energy Crisis

People-Oriented Policy Urged

State Public Service Commissioner William R. Ralls called yesterday for the development on a statewide basis of a people-oriented energy policy in Michigan.

"It is essential that we develop a plan describing in detail how we will meet the energy needs of the people of Michigan taking into consideration the particular situation of Michigan in the national and international energy crisis," he addressed about 30 men and women who attended a break-

fast meeting of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce at the St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

Ralls said the tremendously expensive task of energy development must proceed as economically as possible. "This means a minimum of duplication and a maximum of coordination to conserve what we now realize are limited resources."

"Energy development must be planned with proper respect for the land-use and environmental needs of the people. We must

remember that the ultimate justification of these vast expenditures is to provide a better life for all people."

Ralls said much can be done at the state level to meet Michigan's energy needs, but the energy problem is national in scope and cannot be solved without "a rational and coherent federal approach."

"Our present position requires a national commitment to energy conservation and to research and development to

find new sources of energy which are both clean and abundant."

"Conservation practices must be written into our energy policies. Advertising, utility rates, labeling of products and building codes all must be based on an energy conservation ethic. All of these practices must have as their objective meeting the people's energy needs in the most efficient energy manner possible. Today's practices simply do not meet human needs as efficiently

as is possible, both to the detriment of the consumer's pocketbook and to our environment."

The state public service commissioner said Michigan has "special reason for concern" about the nation's energy policies because nearly one out of three persons in the state is employed in manufacturing.

"The needs of our people must be taken into account in resolving the nation's energy shortages," he said. "I am un-

willing to stand by while decisions are made which do not take into account those interests."

Ralls said he "enthusiastically endorses" the recommendations of the energy Policy Task Force of the Consumer Federation of America which has called for greatly increased government expenditures to energy research and development, adoption of measures to conserve energy and tight control of the exploration and development of fuel resources under publicly-owned lands so that they yield maximum energy output with minimum environmental damage.

Ralls was introduced by Howard Paxson, Chamber vice president of community development.



COMMISSIONER William R. Ralls of Michigan Public Service Commission addressing Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce in St. Joseph Thursday.



HARTFORD FIRE STATION: Construction is nearing completion on new \$55,000 Hartford fire station on East Main street. Chief Harold Walker Jr. reports department hopes to move into building within month. He said open house at station would be held during "fire prevention week" in September. Building costs are being shared by Hartford city and township. Old fire station-city hall building was destroyed by fire in March 1972. (Righter photo)

Job Education Funds For Cass, Berrien Colleges

Allocations of \$20,000 to Lake Michigan college and Benton township, and \$28,799 to Southwestern Michigan college near Dowagiac, have been included in \$1.4 million allocated by the state board of education for vocational education programs in Michigan community colleges.

An LMC official said the \$20,000 equipment grant will be used by the college to match federal funds to purchase equipment for new vocational-technical programs.

Specific proposals for purchases, he said, will be developed to use the full grant now that the state board has made its allocation. The \$28,799 to Southwestern

Michigan college includes \$18,023 to continue the college's consumer education and home economics programs, \$6,766 for workstudy programs under which students are employed by the college, and \$4,000 for equipment purchases.

The state board said allocations are contingent on federal appropriations equaling or exceeding amounts appropriated for the current school year.

For 1972-73, the federal government gave Michigan \$19.4 million for vocational education with \$1.4 million — the same amount as allocated by the state board — going to the state's 25 community colleges.

Senate Passes Tire Stud Bill

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State Department of Highways could ban studded tires in certain parts of Michigan in two years and dictate the types of studs used elsewhere, under a bill passed by the Senate.

The measure would give the highway department total power to set rules and regulations regarding the controversial metal cleats after April 1, 1975.

Department officials would have sole discretion over where the studs could and could not be used in Michigan.

The use of current types of studs would be curtailed over the next two winters.

The bill, passed 31-3 Thursday and sent to the House, is considered a compromise in the battle over studded tires, which were first legalized in Michigan about seven years ago.

Studs now are allowed on vehicles throughout the state from Nov. 1 through April 1. The bill, sponsored by Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, would cut that period to Dec. 1 to April 1 in 1973-74 and 1974-75. The highway department has fought to ban studs for the past two years.

The ban bill died last year when the Senate refused a proposal to allow Upper Peninsula counties to be exempted out if they paid for road damage caused by the studs.

If continued in their present unlimited use, studs could chew up \$28 million a year in highways through 1980, the highway department estimated.

Particularly objectionable to the department is the tough tungsten carbide material used to make studs.

Sen. James Fleming, R-Jackson, chairman of the Senate Highway Committee, said stud manufacturers are developing less abrasive materials.

Fleming said the two year phase-in will allow the highway

department to adopt rules and give the stud industry time to develop materials other than the objectionable tungsten carbide.

The department also would regulate the number and size of studs.

Parade Will Climax Galien 'Americans Together' Event

GALIEN — A parade Sunday afternoon will climax two days of activities during the third annual Americans Together program at the American Legion park in Galien Saturday and Sunday.

Festivities have the goal of instilling Americanism and patriotism in youth, according to Hal Fein, chairman. The affair is sponsored by Galien American Legion post 402.

He said the observance was expanded to two days this year to afford more people a chance to participate. Last year some 3,500 persons attended, he said. Fein said he expects upwards of 10,000 attendance this year.

Among entries featured in the parade at 1 p.m. are National Guard unit, antique cars, floats and Legion drill teams. Persons or groups wanting to march may register with Galien American Legion or parade Chairman Dean Swern in Buchanan.

On tap for young people are frog and turtle races, greased pole climbing, piggyback, penny scramble, pie eating and freckle contests. Fein said these will be held throughout the two days.

Scheduled activities include reveille each morning at the flag pole.

A pony pulling contest will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by ping pong drop at 3 p.m. and dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. to music of Nashville Kopy Kats.

On Sunday, a garden tractor pulling contest will start at 10 a.m., followed by a parade at 1 p.m. and Little League All-Star baseball game.

Also scheduled each day is a chicken barbecue, with serving starting at 11 a.m.

Fein emphasized that all activities are free, except the dance and chicken barbecues.



WHIRLPOOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: Robert B. Willemin, group vice president for Whirlpool, presents \$4,000 Whirlpool Foundation scholarship to Matthew P. Houseal, 1973 St. Joseph high school graduate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Houseal, 1902 Sunset drive, St. Joseph. Houseal is one of 50 students selected for accelerated program at University of Michigan Medical school. He has been active in school and civic organizations, and worked at Memorial hospital. His father is an attorney for Whirlpool law department.



ROBERT GILBERTSON
Seeks one-year term



MRS. REBECCA MITCHELL
Seeks one-year term



REV. JOHN H. RISTOW
Seeks one-year term



DONALD J. REGAN
Incumbent



JAMES E. CORBIT
Up for four-year term

Two Will Win School Posts

Dowagiac Race Has 5 Candidates

DOWAGIAC — Two seats on the Dowagiac school board due to be filled in the June 11 school election are being sought by five candidates.

Running for the four-year term at stake are Donald J. Regan and James E. Corbit. Candidates for a one-year term are Robert Gilbertson, Mrs. Rebecca R. Mitchell and Rev. John H. Ristow.

Regan, 43, route 5, Dewey Lake, Dowagiac, is presently a board member following his

appointment earlier this year to replace Paul MacDonald who resigned. Regan is vice president of Hart-Ranft Chevrolet in Cassopolis, a former member of the Lewis Cass Intermediate district career education board. He and his wife, Jeanne, have five children.

Challenger Corbit, 48, route 5, Dewey Lake, Dowagiac, is a systems and procedures analyst for Sundstrand Heat Transfer

company of Dowagiac. He has served five years on the Southwestern Michigan college advisory board and has been a member of the Lewis Cass Intermediate district career education board. He and his wife, Jeanne, have five children.

Gilbertson, candidate for the one-year term, is a sales manager for Sunstrand Heat Transfer company of Dowagiac. Gilbertson, 45, route 5, Dutch Settlement road, Dowagiac, and his wife, Bernice, have two

children.

Mrs. Mitchell, 34, route 1, Dowagiac has five children in Dowagiac schools. She is employed by Clark Equipment company's graphic art center in Dowagiac and is a former member of the Dowagiac Human Relations commission.

Ristow, 66, 504 Sunnyside drive, Dowagiac, is pastor of the First Methodist church. He and his wife, Hildegard, have two married sons. He is president of Big Brothers.

The top vote-getter for each term will be elected.

Not running for re-election is incumbent William Maxey.

Also on the June 11 ballot in Dowagiac will be a proposition that \$5,327 from sale of Daly and Finchman schools be put in a fund for construction of a proposed vocational building.

According to school officials, the money is now in a building and site fund for the schools, which were sold in 1970.